

DPD 3732-61

14 June 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, Contract Staff, DPD

SUBJECT : Lockheed Aircraft Corporation Proposal for Work  
Directive No. 13

REFERENCE : Task Order No. 04-13782-1, Contract No. B. A. 201-10096-0  
Dated 1 June 1961 (DPD-3666-61)

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1. The referenced proposal, dated 1 June in the amount of [redacted] deals with the engineering design study completed by Lockheed for an in-flight opening door conversion on a C-118 aircraft. I am bringing it up at this time because I am not totally sure that you are aware that the instant proposal really confirms work already done on which oral approval was given [redacted] by the undersigned in May of this year.

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2. The ball had been originally started by [redacted] and [redacted] responding to an FE Division requirement connected with Project [redacted]. However, in the meantime FE Division withdrew its interest in a C-118, and we had independently taken action to meet their revised requirement dealing with an in-flight opening door on a C-54 aircraft. This latter endeavor is now identified as [redacted].

3. By the time the FE change was known to us, Lockheed had already done about half the design work necessary for the conversion. Since this study has potential application for DPD now that Mr. Bissell has approved in principle upgrading our transport aircraft from C-54's to C-118's, I felt that we should not only protect Lockheed on their manpower investment, but complete the job so that we could take advantage of the savings in lead time when we finally make conversions of this sort. As noted on the referenced proposal, the engineering drawings and related materials are already in the hands of the Materiel Staff. Please let me know if you feel that the contract referred to in the proposal is the appropriate place for lodgment of

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of this task. I am also anxious to tidy up with LAC administratively, and I therefore suggest that you draft a cable to Lockheed, authorizing this charge, since I do not recall one having gone out on this matter.

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